

RemarksObjections Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c)

The Examiner has objected to claims 4-5 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c) as "being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of the previous claim." The Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following discussion in support of traversing these objections to claims 4 and 5.

Claim 1 includes the limitations of "placing a first colorant on the media if the sum **exceeds** a third value and either the second value **exceeds** the first value and the first value **exceeds** the third value or the first value **equals or exceeds** the second value and the third value **equals or exceeds** the second value" and the limitations of "placing the second colorant on the media if the sum **exceeds** the third value and either the first value **equals or exceeds** the second value and the second value **exceeds** the third value or the second value **exceeds** the first value and the third value **equals or exceeds** the first value." (emphasis added)

As indicated by the highlighted words in the sections of claim 1 cited above, the "placing" occurs "if" a recited relationship between the various values mentioned exists. No limitations are included with respect to how the existence of the recited relationship is determined. Claim 4 and claim 5 includes the limitations of "comparing", thereby reciting how the existence of the recited relationship is determined. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully contend that claim 4 and claim 5 do further limit the subject matter of the claims upon which they are dependent. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of these objections to claim 4 and claim 5.

The Examiner has objected to claim 4, line 3 for omitting "the". The Applicants have amended claim 4 to add "the". Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of these objections to claim 4.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 8-10, 15, 18, 21, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention. To overcome these rejections, the Applicants have amended claims 8, 15, 18, 21, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter the Applicants regard as the invention.

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Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections of claims 8-10, 15, 18, 21, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

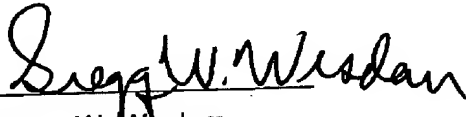
Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-3, 6-7, 11-14, 16-17, 19-20, and 22-23 are allowed. Furthermore, the Examiner has indicated that claims 8-10, 15, 18, 21, and 24 would allowable if the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 were overcome.

Conclusion

The Applicants respectfully contend that the subject application is in a condition for allowance. Allowance is respectfully requested.

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